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REMARKS

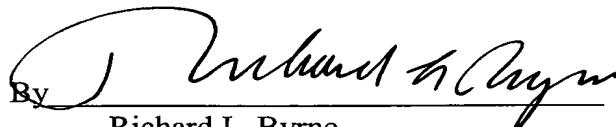
The specification has been amended to place the application in conformance with standard United States patent practice.

Claims 1-18 have been cancelled and rewritten as claims 19-36 to bring the claims into conformance with standard United States patent practice.

Examination and allowance of pending claims 19-36 are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

**In the specification:**

**Paragraph beginning at page 1, line 10 has been amended as follows:**

[Such] Similar devices are generally known, wherein the chair on the frame is fixed thereon in stationary manner.

**In the abstract:**

**The abstract as been amended as follows:**

[ABSTRACT] ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The present invention relates to a device for transporting persons along a staircase[, comprising:

- ]. The device has a frame displaceable along a guide,[
- ] a drive to be selectively set into operation for displacing the frame along the guide[;], and[
- ] a chair on the frame on which a person for transporting can be seated. The seat [can comprise] may have a seat part and a back rest and optionally at least one arm rest[, wherein at]. At least the seat part on the side directed toward the back rest can be pivoted up and [downward] down in a pivoting movement on a horizontal pivot axis and forms a guide [during] when the person is standing up or sitting down.